
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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JANUARY 30, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 30, 2020

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing separate and distinct amendments to the Constitution
2 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for an
3 economic bill of rights.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby resolves as follows:

6 Section 1. The following separate and distinct amendments to
7 the Constitution of Pennsylvania are proposed in accordance with
8 Article XI:

9 That Article I be amended by adding the following section to
10 read:

11 § 29. Economic bill of rights.

12 (a) The people shall have the right to a living wage to
13 reasonably support one's self and their family.

14 (b) The people shall have the right to affordable and
15 accessible health care and the opportunity to achieve and enjoy
16 good physical and mental health.

17 (c) The people shall have the right to safe, efficient and

1 reliable transportation infrastructure.

2 (d) The people shall have the right to safe and healthy
3 working conditions.

4 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General
5 Assembly of these proposed separate and distinct constitutional
6 amendments, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed
7 immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of
8 section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and
9 shall transmit the required advertisements to two newspapers in
10 every county in which such newspapers are published in
11 sufficient time after passage of these proposed constitutional
12 amendments.

13 (b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of these
14 proposed separate and distinct constitutional amendments, the
15 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to
16 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article
17 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the
18 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in
19 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after
20 passage of these proposed constitutional amendments. The
21 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall submit the proposed separate
22 and distinct constitutional amendments under section 1 of this
23 resolution to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth as
24 four separate and distinct ballot questions at the first
25 primary, general or municipal election which meets the
26 requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article
27 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least
28 three months after the proposed constitutional amendments are
29 passed by the General Assembly.